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ANS Statue of Liberty Medal Available



The Society's Statue of Liberty Medal will be displayed publicly for the first time at the New York International Numismatic Convention, Nov. 30 to Dec 2. Noted sculptor Eugene Daub created the oval-shaped, extremely high relief work which was struck by the Medallic Art Company in two metals, .999 fine silver and bronze, hand-patinated to emulate the weathered finish of the Statue itself.

This medal represents the Society's contribution to the Statue of Liberty centennial celebration which will be observed by the entire nation during 1986 and will focus on New York on Independence Day when the grand-scale unveiling of the completely restored Statue takes place in New York Harbor.



A Renewed Tradition

The Society's medal, already highly regarded for its strong, forceful design, provides a lasting tribute to this historical moment. With the issue of this new medal, the ANS reinstitutes its commitment to sponsor works of medallic art com-

memorating significant events and personages and returns the Society to the central position it held in the field of medallic sculpture during the first decades of this century, when sculptors such as Victor D. Brenner, Daniel Chester French and Gutzon Borglum produced medals under ANS patronage.

Order from ANS

The Statue of Liberty Medal may be ordered directly from the Society. The silver medal, in presentation case, is \$175 plus \$5 for registered postage; the bronze is \$30 plus \$4. All medals are serially numbered; a matched set of silver and bronze medals is priced at \$200 plus \$8 postage.

1986 ANS GRADUATE SEMINAR, FELLOWSHIP APPLICATIONS INVITED

Applications are now being accepted for the 34th annual Graduate Seminar in Numismatics to be held at the Society June 10-August 9, 1986. Ten grants in aid, carrying stipends of \$1,200, will be made to students of high competence who will have completed at least one year of graduate study in classics, archaeology, history, art history, economic history, or other related disciplines. Applications will also be accepted from junior university or college instructors with a degree in one of these fields. Attendance at the Seminar is restricted to graduate students and junior faculty at institutions in the United States and Canada. Grants in support of attendance are made possible by a contribution from Mr. and Mrs. Eric P. Newman.

The Seminar program includes lectures and conferences conducted by specialists in various fields, with emphasis on numismatic methodology. Students employ the resources of the museum's cabinets and library and prepare papers for

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1985 Americas Conference Concludes

"America's Currency, 1789-1866" formed the theme of the Society's second annual Coinage of the Americas Conference, held at the ANS October 31 to November 2. Chaired by ANS Curator Richard G. Doty, COAC 85 included 11 speakers participating in three afternoon sessions which were lively forums for the free exchange of information.

Society President Harry W. Fowler set the tone for the Conference when he stated in his introductory remarks, "This select group represents the expertise that is available on our topic. Therefore our expectations run high, not only regarding the presentations by our speakers but also for the discussions which will follow."

Speakers at the first session included Roger H. Durand, "An Introduction to Obsolete American Currency"; Elvira Clain-Stefanelli, "A Historian's View of State Bank Notes: A Mirror of Life in the Early Republic"; Grover C. Criswell, "Collecting Trends in Obsolete American Currency"; and Gene Hessler, "America as an Indian Princess on United States Obsolete Currency."

The Friday session opened with Joseph R. Lasser ably reading and interpreting a paper prepared by Eric P. Newman on "New York City Small Change Notes, 1814-1815." Mr. Newman was unable to attend due to a prior commitment. The program continued with Robert Vlack, "Currency in Crisis: America's Money, 1830-1845"; Cory Gilliland, "Economic Concerns of a Government Employee in the 1840s"; and concluded with Glenn



Glenn Jackson leads the COAC 85 audience through the intricacies of the Smillie family (Photo by Frank Deak)

Jackson, "The Smillie Family: Banknote Artists." Following the Friday session, most registrants repaired to a midtown restaurant for the informal dinner party that is fast becoming an integral social function of the conferences.

The final meeting was devoted to Confederate and southern state issues, featuring Carl W.A. Carlson, "Delegates to the Southern Banking Convention of 1861"; Raymond H. Williamson, "Lynchburg (VA) City Paper Money of 1862"; and Douglas B. Ball, "The Confederate Currency Reform of 1862." Following this final paper, Conference Chairman

Richard Doty summarized the presentations and discussion of the three days in his paper, "Commentary: America's Currency." All presentations will be published with ample illustration in the conference proceedings *America's Currency, 1789-1866*, estimated to run approximately 200 pages, will be available in late spring 1986 at a price of \$15. All COAC 85 registrants will receive a copy upon publication.



Richard G. Doty moderated the three sessions of COAC 85 (Photo by Frank Deak)

Breaks in the program provided opportunities for COAC 85 participants to view the exhibits. (Photo by Frank Deak)



In addition to a full schedule of talks, the conference featured a selection of exhibits on view at the ANS during the three-day period. The Society is grateful to the following exhibitors for displaying objects from their collections during COAC 85: Douglas B. Ball; Grover C. Criswell; Father Frank H. Hutchins; Joseph R. Lasser; P. Scott Rubin; Robert Vlack; Raymond H. Williamson; and the Newark Museum, Newark, New Jersey.

In addition the Society mounted an exhibit based on the annotated slide set prepared especially for the Conference by Douglas B. Ball. This set, *Confederate States of America Currency, 1861-1865*, includes a 36-page booklet describing 30 color slides which trace the history of CSA paper. The boxed set is available at \$20 from the ANS. souvenir postcards, depicting a montage of the Society's first issue "Montgomery" are also available.

COAC 86 Scheduled

"America's Silver Coinage, 1794-1891" is the subject of the 1986 Coinage of the Americas Conference. (Continued on page 2)

ANNUAL GIVING GOAL MET

ANS members contributed a record \$60,480 during fiscal 1985 to meet the Society's increased goal of \$60,000 set for the year. Society President Harry W. Fowler expressed his appreciation to the membership at the Fall Meeting for this generous show of support for the work of the Society and also admitted a degree of relief since, as he noted, "I insisted to the Council that we raise the amount for 1985 by \$10,000 to the \$60,000 level."

Annual Giving provides funds for general operations, helping to close the gap between the established sources of income and the increasing costs of operating the Society's museum and library.

In addition to this basic support, members and friends contributed to a variety of special projects and programs during the year. Over \$20,000 was received for such purposes as providing honoraria for speakers and museum consultants, and stipends for students in the Graduate Seminar program, as well as for continued support of the recently inaugurated Islamic/Medieval photofile. Over \$120,000 of additional funds, in the form of restricted grants and contributions, was provided to the ANS for projects ranging from purchases of coins and books and funding of publication ventures to the continued support of numismatic research in specific fields and the library subject index project as well as the endowment of a new fund honoring the memory of Frances M. Schwartz.

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Americas Conference, to be held at the ANS October 30 to November 1, 1986. COAC 86 will explore the development of the federal silver coinage from the organization of the U.S. Mint to the end of the Liberty-seated series in 1891. The emphasis will be on new or ongoing research, with opportunity for discussion following each presentation.

As in the past, a program of approximately 12 speakers is anticipated; those who have already indicated an interest in participating include John W. McCloskey, Julius Reiver, David Cohen, Harry X Boosel, Ivan Leaman and Donald Gunnet. Others interested in being on the program are invited to send an abstract of their proposed topic to Richard G. Doty, Conference Chairman, at the ANS. The Conference Steering Committee will meet in mid-July 1986 to draw up the final program. Those interested in exhibiting at the ANS on the Conference theme are also asked to contact Dr. Doty.

Charles T. Heaton Bequest

The Society is a major beneficiary, together with the American Numismatic Association, under the will of Charles T. Heaton, an Associate of the ANS until his death in 1984. Mr. Heaton's bequest not only enriches the Society's collections of modern coins, tokens and medals by 16,829 items but also provides a substantial addition to our endowment, thus perpetuating his support of the Society. By adding to the principal funds of the ANS through bequest, whether for general or specific purposes, a donor proclaims an enduring expression of concern for the Society and its future. The ANS and its attorney will assist members who desire to benefit our organization through a bequest.

Society members have all received a contribution request with their annual dues notice. Those who have not yet responded with a gift or pledge toward the Annual Giving goal of \$60,000 are urged to include the Society in their year-end giving plans.

Donors Listed

The Society's Council has designated the following donor categories to be recognized in our *Annual Report*: Sponsoring Donor (\$1,000 and up); Sustaining Donor (\$500-999); Contributing Donor (\$100-499); and Donor (under \$100). Contributions in any amount are always most welcome.

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oral delivery and written submission during the final week.

William E. Metcalf, Chief Curator of the Society, is in charge of the Seminar program, and the entire curatorial staff as well as invited instructors will participate. Tony Hackens, Professor of Classical Archaeology and Ancient Numismatics at the Université Catholique de Louvain, Belgium, will be the Visiting Scholar in Residence during the Seminar.

Graduate Fellowship

In addition the Society is accepting applications for its Fellowship of \$3,500 for the academic year 1986/7. The award is open to university graduate students in the fields of the humanities or social sciences who will have completed the general examinations (or the equivalent) for the doctorate; will be writing a dissertation during the academic year 1986/7 on a topic in which the use of numismatic evidence plays a significant part; and will have at-



Herbert J. Erlanger, Jr., presents a copy of his book to ANS President Harry W. Fowler. (Photo by Frank Deak)

ERLANGER DONATES LATEST BOOK TO ANS

Herbert J. Erlanger has presented the Society's Library with a gift copy of his recently published two-volume work, *Nürnberg Medaillen 1806-1981*. The book was prepared in conjunction with the centennial of the Nuremberg Numismatic Society and represents a medallic chronicle of the former imperial city through the industrial age. The highly detailed catalogue contains some 1,782 entries and is profusely illustrated.

Mr. Erlanger, a Fellow of the Society since 1942, writes on a broad range of medieval and medallic numismatic topics and has been a frequent contributor to the Society's journal, *ANSMN*.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORTS

The Society's Nominating Committee for Council Members, comprising Eric P. Newman, Chairman, Arthur Houghton, and Roger Hornsby, reported to the Council at its October 12 meeting. The three present members whose terms expire January 1986, Harry W. Fowler, John H. Kroll, and John D. Leggett, Jr., will be nominated for additional five-year terms at the forthcoming Annual Meeting.

According to the Society's Constitution (Article VI.3), additional nominations require the signatures of a total of 10 Fellows and must be submitted in writing to the Secretary at least 15 days in advance of the Annual Meeting.

tended the Society's Graduate Seminar prior to the time of application.

The deadline for completed applications for both the Seminar and Fellowship is March 1, 1986. Awards will be announced no later than April 1

ANS CELEBRATES "FESTIVAL OF INDIA" AT FALL MEETING

The Fall Members Meeting of the Society was the occasion for participation in the nationwide celebration of the "Festival of India." At the opening of the meeting, ANS President Harry W. Fowler introduced William Spengler, a Fellow of the Society, and acknowledged his efforts, on behalf of the Festival of India National Committee, to encourage numismatic organizations and collections in the United States to take part in the celebration which extends through June 1986.

Mr. Fowler commented that "it is particularly fitting that numismatics be represented in this year-long celebration since India provides one of the three independent coinage traditions that we can trace historically."

Mr. Fowler then called upon the Society's Curator of Islamic and South Asian Coins, Michael L. Bates, who introduced Professor Irfan Habib.

"Our David M. Bullowa Memorial Lecture will be presented today by Professor Irfan Habib, today's most distinguished authority on the economic history of the Mughal empire. He first became

a D.Phil. from Oxford in 1953. Since then he has been teaching at Aligarh Muslim University where he is now Director of the Center of Advanced Study in History.

"Prof. Habib is the author of several books, including *The Agrarian System of Mughal India* (1958), a revised version of his doctoral thesis. He is also the coeditor of the *Cambridge Economic History of India*, volume 1. His most utilized work at the ANS is his impressive *An Atlas of the Mughal Empire* (1982), surely one of the most magnificent and detailed historical atlases ever published, with highly specific maps of each of the Mughal provinces showing administrative and economic features.

"Professor Habib's subject today is 'The Monetary System of Mughal India.'"

Coins of India Exhibit

Following Professor Habib's discussion of how numismatic evidence influences the interpretation of Mughal monetary history, all assembled were treated to a special "Indian tea," sponsored by the ANS Standing Committee on Islamic and South Asian Coins, celebrating the opening of the Society's exhibit on *The Coins of India*. The exhibit covers the entire history of money in the subcontinent from the beginning to the present day.

More than 200 coins are included in five sections. The opening section, India's First Coins, describes the independent origination of an indigenous coinage tradition in India in the seventh to the first centuries B.C., including punch-marked silver and copper coins. The next section, Invaders from the North, tells the story of the replacement of the indigenous tradition by Western coinage brought by Greeks and other invaders of India from Central Asia; it also includes some imitations of Roman aurei made in India. The Kushan and Gupta cases are primarily devoted to the magnificent gold coinage of those two great South Asian empires, and also include examples of the Kshatrapa and Hindu Shahi coinages, both of which had widespread influence for several centuries. The fourth section is on Islam in India, from the earliest Muslim coins to the beautiful issues of the Mughals, as well as some representative examples of the issues of other Muslim and Hindu dynasties in the Islamic period. Last is Modern India, with the issues of European colonial powers in India, the autonomous states under British rule, and the Republic of India.

The exhibit was organized and written by Michael Bates, with advice from Society Associate Editor Marie Martin who has a degree in South Asian history, and

ANS AT NEW YORK INTERNATIONAL

The Society will again this year be represented at the New York International Numismatic Convention, to be held at the Sheraton Centre Hotel, November 30 to December 2. Members of the staff will man the ANS Information Booth, located on the main floor, courtesy of the show's organizers, Richard Margolis and Wilbur Selfridge. This provides us the opportunity to inform the public about the Society and its activities, to meet out of town members, display recent publications, and encourage visits to the ANS where *The World of Coins* and *Coins of India* are on display along with other special exhibits.

Various Talks Scheduled at NYINC

A number of specialized collector societies will be meeting in conjunction with the convention which is devoted mainly to ancient, medieval and other foreign coinages. The Lithuanian Numismatic Association, meeting at 10:30 on Sunday, will hear Vincent Alones on "The Orders, Medals, and Decorations of the Republic of Lithuania, 1918-1938"; the Society for Medieval Numismatics, meeting at 1:45 that afternoon, will hear Patrick Finn on "The Anglo-Irish Coinage from King John to the End of 1649"; La Société Américaine pour l'Étude de la Numismatique Française, meeting on Saturday at 4:30 PM, will hear Hillel Kaslove on "Money of the French Regime in Canada, 1670-1760"; the Russian Numismatic Society, meeting Sunday at 3:30 PM, will hear Dr. Ira Rezak on "Observations on Russian Medallion Traditions"; the International Bank Note Society, meeting on Sunday at noon, will hear Dr. Ali Sharghi on "Early Notes of Persia"; and the Oriental Numismatic Society, meeting Saturday evening at 6:00, will hear Fred Shore on "The Coinage of Parthia."



Professor Irfan Habib

(Coin World photo)

known to me in 1981 when Marie Martin and I attended a Duke University conference on the monetary history of the Mughal period at which Prof. Habib was one of the star speakers. When we began our search for a guest speaker for this occasion, I was delighted to learn that Prof. Habib would be in the United States at this time to attend the Patchpur Sikri conference in Cambridge, and we immediately invited him to address us today.

Prof. Habib was educated at Aligarh Muslim University and went on to obtain

mounted by Bates, Martin, and Tatvana Feynberg, ANS Registrar/Technician. In addition to the coins and related objects, the display includes a variety of Indian artifacts, ranging from tiny red *ratas* (indigenous seeds, the basis of the traditional weight system) filled with minute ivory elephants to traditional Benaras silks embroidered with real gold threads, all are from Martin's personal collection.

Coins of India will remain on view through mid-January.



Society Chief Curator William Metcalf presents Rose Mangini with a gift from the staff at her retirement party
(Photo by Frank Deak)

MANGINI AND HANSON FETED AT RETIREMENT

Old friends and new turned out in force on September 28 to join the Society's staff at the retirement party honoring Rose Mangini and Timothy Hanson, despite a delay of a day to allow Hurricane Gloria to pass through New York. Miss Mangini, whose career at the Society was outlined in the summer *ANS Newsletter*, was leaving after twenty-nine years at the ANS as Secretary to the Director, and Mr. Hanson had been Associate Photographer of the Society for the past five years. Society Chief Curator William E. Metcalf hosted the gala in the absence of Mr. Elam, who was on vacation.

At its meeting of October 12, the Socie-

MEMBERS ELECTED

Sixteen Associates and one Corresponding Member were elected at the October 12 meeting of the ANS Council including several who had visited the Society's Information Booth at the ANA Convention in Baltimore.

Those elected are Norman P. Brand, Washington, DC; Timothy J. Chorvat, Park Ridge, IL; James J. Cowell, Jr., Boston, MA; Phillip J. Davis, Chicago, IL; Richard C. Friedenberg, Garnerville, NY; Norman F. Gordon, Columbus, GA; Alvan W. Hickerson, Jr., Louisville, KY; Ross W. Larson, Jr., St. Louis, MO, and James M. Matthews, South Pasadena, CA.

Also, Michael D. Packard, Fairfax, VA; Andrew J. Preston, Kinnelon, NJ; William J. Quinn, Chester Springs, PA; Thomas D. Skulan, Averill Park, NY; C. F. P. Stueck, Webster Groves, MO, and M. Thamrin, Jakarta Kota, Indonesia.

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Timothy Hanson receives a present from the staff on the occasion of his retirement. (Photo by Frank Deak)

ty's Council passed a special resolution honoring Miss Mangini's career in service to the ANS:

"The Council of the American Numismatic Society expresses its deep appreciation to Rose Mangini on the occasion of her retirement as a member of the ANS staff.

"During her twenty-nine year career as Secretary to the Director of the Society, her presence and conduct have brought honor to the organization and have provided a model for all who would serve this Society in any capacity.

"We wish Rose Mangini Godspeed in her new endeavors."

Mr. Yin and Mr. Elam proudly display the Dao Ren watercolor presented to the Society

(Photo by Frank Deak)



CHINA MINT OFFICIALS VISIT ANS

The Society received officials of the China Mint on two occasions recently. The first visit, on August 29, was made by Zheng Ruizheng, Vice-Director and Engineer of the China Mint in Shanghai and Cai Mingxin, Sales Manager of the Mint in Beijing. The two officials, accompanied by Michael J. Druck of the New York numismatic firm Manfra, Tordella & Brookes, were given a tour of the Society by ANS Curator of Far Eastern Coins Rose Chan Houston, and spent time examining the Society's Chinese and Japanese collections.

This visit was followed by that of another group from the Mint on October 15. Accompanied again by Mr. Druck, the three Chinese visitors examined the Chinese collection and met briefly with ANS Director Leslie A. Elam. Visitors were Yin Yi, head of the Printing and Minting Bureau, who is also Vice-Director of the Chinese Numismatic Association, and Mrs. Wang Zhiqiang and Liang Youjie, both of whom are engineers of the Mint and of the People's Bank of China in Beijing. The group was on a fact-finding tour of minting and banknote printing facilities in the United States. They were also exploring marketing opportunities for China's Panda bullion coins in the U.S. as well as other countries. Mr. Yin brought greetings to the Society from Geng Daoming, Director of the China Numismatic Association, with whom Dr. Houston has corresponded. In honor of the occasion, Mr. Yin presented the Society an original landscape painting by Dao Ren.

Calendar

November

- 22-26 Middle East Studies Association meeting, New Orleans, LA. ANS reception, 22nd, hosted by Jere Bacharach.
- 28-30 Society closed, Thanksgiving.
- 30-2 ANS Information Booth open at the New York International Numismatic Convention, Sheraton Centre, New York.

December

- 24-25 Society closed, Christmas.
- 27-30 Archaeological Institute of America meeting, Washington, DC. ANS reception, 29th, hosted by William E. Metcalf.
- 28-30 American Historical Association meeting, New York, NY. ANS reception, 28th, hosted by Rose Chan Houston.

January

- 1 Society closed, New Year's Day.
- 11 Finance Committee meeting, 11:00
Council meeting, 1:30
Annual Meeting of the Society, 3:00
- 10-12 CNRS colloquium, "Rhythms de la production monétaire," Paris. Alan Stahl, "La monnaie de Venice au Moyen Age: Variations de production"; Richard Doty, "Matthew Boulton and the Coinage Revolution, 1787-97."

NEH YOUNGER SCHOLARS PROGRAM

The National Endowment for the Humanities has announced a December 15, 1985, deadline for applications in the Younger Scholars Bicentennial Program. This program accords high school and college students the opportunity for funded independent research pertaining to the bicentennial of the U.S. Constitution, including appropriate numismatic projects. All grants involve nine weeks of full-time work by the grantee during the summer months and require supervision by a qualified project adviser. Grants range from \$1,800 to \$2,200, of which \$400 is allotted to the adviser.

Interested students should apply to NEH, Younger Scholars Program, 1100 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20506 (Phone: 202/786-0332). The Society will work with qualified students participating in this NEH program.

Travel to Collections

The NEH also invites applications for the Travel to Collections Program to enable American scholars to visit research collections such as the ANS. This program provides grants of \$500 to facilitate consultation of materials essential to a scholar's research but not readily available near home.

Applicants should be qualified to conduct advanced research in the humanities, but need not be affiliated with an academic institution. Awards will be made to help defray travel costs, subsistence and lodging, reproduction and photography costs, and certain associated expenses.

Proposal deadline is January 15 for

travel after June 1. Applications are available from Travel to Collections, Division of Research Programs, NEH, Room 319-GT, 1100 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20506.

ANS HOSTS MEETING SOCIALS

Again this year the Society will hold receptions at several annual professional meetings, hosting Graduate Seminar alumni, members and friends. The Middle East Studies Association is meeting at the Hyatt-Regency Hotel in New Orleans, November 22-26. The Society's reception will be the evening of the 22nd with ANS Fellow, Professor Jere L. Bacharach of the University of Washington as host.

At the combined meeting of the Archaeological Institute of America and the American Philological Society, at the Sheraton-Washington Hotel, Washington, DC, December 27-30, William E. Metcalf will host the ANS reception on the 29th.

Rose Chan Houston of the Society's staff will host the ANS reception on December 28 at the meeting of the American Historical Association in New York. The AHA will meet in the new Marriott Marquis Hotel, Dec. 28-30.

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Casey Elected

Patrick John Casey of the University of Durham, England, was elected a Corresponding Member of the Society at the October meeting. Mr. Casey served as Visiting Scholar in Residence for the 1985 Graduate Seminar.

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